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Workplace depoliticized: A rural school under corrupt bureaucracy in China

*The gap between Rural and
Urban schools...
For at least one school in rural
China, it's not what you
think.*



What is the impact of corrupt government on schools in rural China already battling educational inequality? Can the inequalities between rural and urban schools really be blamed just on inadequate school funding and low quality teaching staff? Using ethnographic evidence from one under-performing rural school in Southwest China, Wang Dan will present on how rampant bribery, formalism, and sale of office, including principalship, affected one school's leadership, teacher morale and student performance—and the resulting depoliticization of the school workplace.

Wang Dan is interested in educational inequality, especially rural education and development in China. Her current research aims to identify effective school management models under the government's "New Management for School Improvement" program. Her ethnographic study on rural teachers' work and workplace has led to her interest in school organization, administration and governance.

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